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CABLES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Before examination of the application please amend the application as follows:

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In the Specification:

--This patent application is related to U.S. Patent No. 6,012,683, entitled "Apparatus for Managing Cables," granted on January 11, 2000, before the Background section.

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims:

--22. A method comprising:
mounting a tray, the tray including a groove defined by first and second longitudinal edges and the first longitudinal edge being higher than the second longitudinal edge;
placing a cable in the groove; and
selectively routing the cable through a notch in the first edge and a notch in the second edge.--

--23. The method of claim 22, wherein the first and second longitudinal edges are substantially orthogonal with respect to each other.--

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